

21 Feb 1984

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Legislation Division

FROM:

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Liaison Division

SUBJECT: Office of Personnel Response to LEG/OLL Request for Comment on OPM Draft Testimony to the Congress on Supplemental Retirement

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Following is proposed response of D/PERS:

1. We have reviewed the draft testimony that the Director, OPM will present before the House Post Office And Civil Service Committee on 23 February 1984. The testimony serves to highlight the varying opinions on this complex issue, thus reaffirming the importance of thorough consideration by the Congress in designing an equitable and effective new retirement system.

2. The CIA, the Foreign Service in the Department of State, and selected other groups of employees have special legislated retirement systems to support their unique workforce requirements in carrying out their essential functions. We therefore concur with the Director, OPM on the essential need for continuation of these retirement systems for those groups of employees with unique skills and abilities. We strongly support his statement that it is not feasible for some employees to continue to work in positions requiring a young and vigorous workforce until social security benefits commence. This especially applies to employees of the CIA.

A copy of Mr. Magee's memorandum is attached for your use.

Following is proposed response of [REDACTED]

The CIA has not had sufficient time to review in detail Mr. Devine's draft statement to the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee on 23 February 1984, and is therefore not in a position to comment, other than to note that we agree with the language at the top of page 10 that states, in part, "...It is simply not feasible for some employees to continue to work in positions requiring a young and vigorous workforce until social security benefits commence..". This especially applies to employees of the CIA.

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My response above has been fully coordinated with the Director of Personnel and the Deputy Director for Administration, and is the response that should be provided to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). To the extent possible, the Agency's response to OMB should be provided telephonically. If written response is required, we obviously have no alternative but to do so.



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Attachment:
As stated

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